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Volunteer recognition
– The Family Support Center is currently accepting nominations for the Hickam National Volunteer Week Recognition Program. Award categories are as follows: Volunteer Family, Spouse, Youth, Unit or Directorate, Community or Nonprofit Agency, Hickam Community Volunteer, and Air Force Volunteer Excellence Award. Nominations are due to the FSC today. A recognition ceremony is April 21 from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Hickam Officers' Club lanai. For more information, contact the center at 449-0300.

Food Drive – The Hawaii Food Bank's Annual Food Drive is Saturday, April 16 and 23 at the commissary. Fifteen to twenty volunteers are needed for each three and a half hour shift: 8 to 11:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 3 to 6:30 p.m. To volunteer, contact Master Sgt. Ron Cray at 449-0783, ronald.cray@hickam.af.mil or Master Sgt. Norma Rodriguez at 433-6775, norma.rodriguez@hickam.af.mil.

AFAF campaign – The Hickam Air Force Assistance Fund campaign continues through Tuesday. For more information, visit <http://afassistancefund.org> or contact 1st Lt. Edgar Lopez at 449-8515 or Master Sgt. Clayton McCord at 449-2362.

Fundraisers – The JAG Booster Club office is selling Krispy Kreme Donuts. Buyers can purchase vouchers until Tuesday at the legal office lanai. Members can trade their vouchers for a box of donuts April 19 between 6 and 7:30 a.m. One dozen donuts costs \$8.50.

National Library Week
– In celebration of National Library Week, Sunday through April 16, the Hickam Library, courtesy of Thomson Gale, will be offering free access to a
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Ground breaking ushers
in new era for homes

By Ryan Mielke
Actus Lend Lease

Base leadership got a chance to play with full size Tonka Toys during a groundbreaking ceremony March 31 for the Hickam Community Housing.

A massive loader pulled down a wall that began the demolition which will lead to new homes for Hickam families.

The demolition of one of Hickam's privatized homes was part of a ceremony that involved Hawaii's congressional delegation leaders, Senator Daniel Inouye and Congressman Neil Abercrombie, as well as Lt. Gov. Duke Aiona.



Photo by Angela Elbern

A massive loader begins the first demolition that will lead to new homes for Hickam during a ground breaking ceremony March 31.

More than 180 members of the Hickam community, politicians, privatization leaders and community representatives took part in the ceremony, marking the start of Hickam Community Housing's 50-

year privatization project with the Air Force.

"It's a commitment to our families and the men and women who are on the line, supporting our country," said Col. Bill "Goose" Changose, 15th

Airlift Wing commander, during the ceremony. "There's going to be a pool, a community center; this is going to be a community laid out by people

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Movers
prepare
for delays

By Senior Airman Sarah Kinsman
Kukini Editor

While the majority of military members know the summer time is moving season, there is something unique about this summer in Hawaii.

"In addition to the normal busy summer moving season of more than twice as many moves [as the winter season], there is a very large number of Army personnel who will be moving in and out of Hawaii this year," said Daryl Fong, 15th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

The reason for the high number of moves is because of the Army's standup of their new Stryker Brigade at Schofield Barracks, he said. "In addition, Hickam's new C-

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Photo by Ernest Brewster

Navy takes flight

The Advance SEAL Delivery System submarine is loaded onto a U.S. Air Force C5 Galaxy Monday on the Hickam flightline. The submarine is part of the SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team 1 based out of Pearl Harbor.

PACAF welcomes new chief

By 1st Lt. Christina Hoggatt
Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

Chief Master Sgt. Rodney McKinley took over as the Pacific Air Forces command chief this month. Chief McKinley replaces Chief Master Sgt. David Popp, who left to be command chief for Air Combat Command.

As PACAF command chief, Chief McKinley serves as the principal consultant to the PACAF commander on all enlisted issues. His responsibilities include keeping the commander apprised of all matters concerning the health, morale and welfare of all assigned enlisted people; and, coordinating with headquarters staff agencies, commanders and senior enlisted personnel



Chief Master Sgt. Rodney McKinley

on matters of administration and implementation of command policy. Chief McKinley is no stranger to the PACAF mission; his prior assignment was the command chief master sergeant for 11th Air Force, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. There he served as the primary enlisted adviser to the commander, Alaskan Command, Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command

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PACAF AIS wins
best in Air Force

By Lisa Wolverton
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Instead of collecting and scrutinizing data about the unknown, the Air Force turned the tables by collecting and scrutinizing data about one of its own, naming the PACAF Air Intelligence Squadron the 2004 Outstanding Intelligence Unit of the Year.

The 80-person unit proved that big things come in small packages after standing up two intelligence analysis workcenters last year, one 18 months ahead of schedule.

The Distributed Ground Station-Five, a 24-hour intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance facility that inter-

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Pope John Paul II passes on

Edwin F. O'Brien
Archbishop for the Military Services

The members of our Archdiocese for the Military Services join in the universal chorus of thanks to God for the priestly life of our late Pontiff John Paul II. Our genuine sorrow at his passing is tempered: we can imagine a warm welcome that is his as he passes into eternal life. Finally, in this Easter Season, he sees face to face his Risen Lord and the Heavenly Mother whom he so loved. During his decades of service to our Church and to the whole human

community, he encountered worldly powers – often totalitarian, atheistic and secularistic – with a gospel truth springing from the richest depth of our Catholic tradition, and from a personal faith tested and tried almost beyond measure. He knew well our American history, our founding principles and values. He also knew our shortcomings. In his many visits to us, he expressed his love and admiration for the United States, encouraging as well as chiding us to measure up to our highest ideals. During the Holy Year Military

Pilgrimage in 2000, Pope John Paul II identified himself as the son of an army officer as he stressed the importance of military and police forces in maintaining peace in the promotion of the common good. Throughout his pontificate, he was invariably welcoming to our military personnel and their families visiting the Holy See. We pray that his heavenly intercession will bring about the justice and peace that he ardently yearned for and tirelessly worked for while he lived in our midst. May he rest in peace.

Hickam chaplain explains impact Pope made

By Senior Airman Sarah Kinsman
Kukini Editor

Father (Lt. Col.) Michael Biewend, 15th Airlift Wing Chaplain, speaks about his memories of Pope John Paul II and the impact the Catholic Church leader had on the Church and world around him. **What are some memories of the Pope you will remember?** “His charismatic personality, athletic abilities, endless energy and true personification of Jesus Christ.” **What kind of influence did the Pope have on your life/career?** “Never back away from the truth. That the spiritual life is about progress not perfection.

“He taught me not only how to live, but how to die.” **If there was one short phrase to describe how the Pope has influenced your life, what would that be?** “Do not be afraid.” **What role has the Pope played in history?** “He took the Vatican to the world, you didn’t have to go to him. His tremendous contribution to the fall of communism, his confrontation with dictatorships and his words against human rights abuses. “His evangelization to the youth of the world. He worked to eradicate prejudice and to free oppressed people. “He was the world’s most influential voice for morality and peace. “May he rest in peace.”

Action Line

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name. It’s your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. It also allows you to recognize individuals who go “above and beyond” in their duties – and we all know there are plenty of those folks here. All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line; however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first chance at resolving problems or issues. It’s only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander’s Action Line a call. If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I’ll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

Housing privatization problems
Comment: Since the Hickam community was forced into privatization the rain of problems that would arrive are now here.



Photo by Mark Bates

Col. Bill Changose, 15th Airlift Wing commander, signs the Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation while others watch. Teddy bears were collected and will be displayed in the wing conference room throughout the month.

There are five members in my family, one of whom is attending Navy Hale Keiki Pre-School on Bougainville Drive adjacent to Radford High School. The State of Hawaii Department of Human Services Palama Unit bases the subsidy my wife and I receive on our income and now I earn an additional \$1,922, we have exceeded their limit of \$5,080. Bottom line is we, as well as a plethora of others, need the military to communicate to respective state agencies what the privatization has done to military members pay and not to penalize military members’ for what appears as an increase in pay. Personally, I would like the privatization to go away; however, I know that will not occur, but

immediate action must go into effect now. Furthermore, meeting my financial obligations in the future will prove difficult because I will incur undue hardship without the subsidy we receive from the State of Hawaii. **Response:** Housing privatization provides many great improvements to our quality of life but, as you point out, it also raises some questions that need to be addressed through legislative action. As our staff researched your concerns, it became evident that there are no standard procedures on the use of basic allowance for housing when applying for aid. In fact, some federal laws delegate the decision down to the state level. In Hawaii, the Women,

Infant and Children program excludes BAH and COLA as a part of the qualification formula; however the program you mentioned does include BAH in the calculations. Other programs, such as many college financial aid applications, specifically state that federal law requires individuals to list BAH or the cash equivalent of BAH if living in government provided quarters. While we cannot provide immediate help in your situation, representatives from all of the military installations in Hawaii have been working with several state representatives to change some of these rules so that residents of privatized housing are not adversely impacted by the privatization process.

Hickam Voices

With the new commander taking the reins of the 15th AW, what changes do you hope he will implement and why?



I hope the new commander makes a new policy on yard sales. It would be a boost for the Hickam community and generate some extra money for families. I also hope that he gets involved with the Airmen on base.
Airman 1st Class Douglas Aune
324th Intelligence Squadron



I would like him to seriously consider the construction of a two-level parking garage for building 1102. While this project would cost money and cause some temporary parking frustration, I believe the end result would be an enormous improvement.
Staff Sgt. Brian Elbode
15th Communications Squadron



Remove all reserved parking base-wide. There is absolutely no reason so many parking spaces should be set aside across the base for such a small amount of people. The base population as a whole should take priority for the limited parking on Hickam.
Tech. Sgt. David Miller
Pacific Air Forces



I hope he will allow the basketball hoops to be returned to the front of housing. This is an important morale issue and fast drivers should be punished, not residents shooting hoops.
Tech. Sgt. Jody Robey
324th Intelligence Squadron



I would like him to reevaluate the necessity of a solid line for the right lane as you enter the base. If unnecessary, I would like to see him get rid of it. If necessary, I would like to see it being enforced.
Capt. Heath Frye
15th Communications Squadron

Next week’s question:

April 15: **What is your favorite military aircraft and why?**

To respond to this question, send an email to hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil with a response and phone number to contact you.

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449-0300
Life Skills Support Center
449-0175
Law Enforcement Desk
449-6373
Base Chaplain
449-1754
Military Family Abuse Shelter
533-7125

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Redeemable trash

Col. Andy Morgan (left), 15th Mission Support Group commander, and Lt. Col. Michael Rits, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron, take their recyclable cans and bottles into the Hickam Redemption Center March 31. The redemption center is open Thursdays and Fridays from 2 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The center is in building 1715 at the west end of the recycling center.

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who know how to layout communities.”

Colonel Changose also remarked on the efficiency of the privatization process versus traditional military construction.

He compared traditional military construction to privatization. “In the Air Force it would have taken 12 to 14 years. Actus Lend Lease, through privatization, is going to do it in about five,” the colonel said.

Members of Hawaii’s congressional delegation spoke of the nature of the project with the Air Force and Actus Lend Lease (and the project company Hickam Community Housing), noting the quality and efficiency of homes on the way.

Senator Inouye called the project historic, lauding the agreement between Actus Lend Lease and the Air Force, under which Actus Lend Lease’s project company, Hickam Community Housing, will be responsible for maintaining the homes for the next 50 years, relieving the Air Force of that burden.

Congressman Neil Abercrombie noted the quality of the homes that await Hickam families.

“(Air Force families) are going to come into a community in a situation that any one of us would be proud to have, in terms of the housing of their families,” he said.

Also on hand at the ceremony was Lt. Gov. Aiona, who focused on the impact of the project to Hawaii’s community as well as families on the installation. The project will be good for Hawaii’s small businesses and mean employment for many workers for the next five decades, he said.

In the last two weeks, many members of the Hickam community may have noticed new fences around vacated neighborhoods. These neighbor-

hoods will soon be replaced with homes that are 20 to 40 percent larger, with modern designs and materials that rival some of Hawaii’s top neighborhoods, according to HCH officials.

“While our maintenance and operations functions have been well under way since Feb. 1, our ceremony marked the start of our multi-decade commitment to building, renovating and maintaining high-caliber Air Force homes,” said Darryl Chai, Vice President and Asset Manager at Hickam Community Housing. “In our business, residents’ well-being and satisfaction are our priority. Our ground breaking ceremony marked the start of new homes and communities for these families.”

More than 1,300 homes are currently part of the Hickam Community Housing project. The start of the Hickam Community Housing privatization project recently placed the Air Force at the 10,000 mark for homes privatized, with more installations planned for privatized housing.

Actus Lend Lease’s Peter Koziol, Chief Executive Officer, recognized the project and the commitment of company employees serving the Air Force.

“Our project will bring new recreational facilities such as a new swimming pool, while also providing our families with a new 10,000 square foot community center where they can meet, attend functions and further strengthen their bonds as Air Force families,” said Mr. Koziol. “All of this means tangible improvement in the quality of life for our families who serve.

“At Actus, our people are the best at what they do because they love who they are working for – the families of the men and women of our United States military,” Mr. Koziol said.

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17 personnel are beginning to arrive on station.”

Although it is mainly the Army moving more people, the moves will affect Air Force members moving in and out of Hawaii. There are a limited number of moving companies on the island.

“Unlike bases on the mainland, we cannot easily use another moving company that’s just a little further away,” said Edwin Naki, Passenger travel and personal property supervisor. “So, Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard moves will compete for the same resources.”

There are some things members can do to help their move go smoothly:

- Go to the traffic management office as soon as moving orders have been issued.

“Our goal is to issue orders 60 days prior to departure. We will do everything we can to expedite that, however, orders will be processed chronologically with the earliest date first as long as the member’s meet all of the required processing actions,” said Chief Master Sgt. Dale

Mills, MPF superintendent. “Letter’s in lieu of will only be issued on an emergency short notice basis.”

- Have a plan of where goods will be shipped before coming into TMO.
- Identify a preferred shipment time, but don’t make any firm commitments until the shipment is booked.
- As much as possible, be flexible on dates as there may be several members asking for the same date.

Moving members should be aware of several potential moving concerns.

“Both outbound and inbound moving dates may be in short supply this summer because of the large number of expected moves,” said Linda DeVera, TMO counselor. “Members should consider doing one shipment instead of two if possible.” “Also, members should avoid making the shipment in June and July if possible, as these are the anticipated peak moving months,” said Sandi Parker, TMO counselor.

Something inbound members should try to do is contact the Navy’s Joint Personal Property Shipping Office,

which handles all inbound shipments, as soon as they arrive and attempt to take direct delivery.

“Moving companies will notify JPPSO when the household goods have arrived and are available for delivery,” said Mr. Naki. “JPPSO has only a few hours to contact the member to arrange delivery. If they can’t contact the member, the property will be put into storage. Because of the anticipated busy summer, arranging for the delivery at a later date could involve delays for several weeks.”

“When you get a pick-up or delivery date, be home,” said Terri Delos-Santos, TMO counselor. “Don’t change it unless it’s an emergency, and then notify TMO immediately. Re-scheduling or not being available when the mover shows up could result in you being billed for a dry-run charge and will delay your move date.”

For more information, contact TMO at 449-6003 ext. 219/221 or stop by building 1113. Also, information can be found on <https://wwwmil.hickam.af.mil/lrs/Traffic%20Management%20Branch/TMO.htm>.

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Region, and Eleventh Air Force on matters of force utilization, morale and welfare of enlisted members and their families assigned throughout Alaska. He also previously served in the command while a crew chief for the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Clark Air Base, Republic of Philippines, from 1987-1991.

Chief McKinley was born in Georgetown, Ohio, and is a 1974 graduate of Western Brown High School. He entered the Air Force in July 1974. After his first enlistment, he took a break from the service in 1977 and attended college. Chief McKinley re-entered the Air Force in 1982 and his wide dynamic experiences have spanned the medical, aircraft maintenance and first sergeant career fields.

There are currently 55,700 military and civilian personnel in PACAF, serving at bases in Hawaii, Alaska, Guam, Japan and the Republic of Korea. PACAF’s area of responsibility extends from the west coast of the United States to the east coast of Africa and from the Arctic to the Antarctic, more than 100 million square miles. The area is home to nearly two billion people who live in 44 countries. PACAF maintains a forward presence to help ensure stability in the region.

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pret’s images received from Predator unmanned aerial vehicle missions in Iraq and Afghanistan, was scheduled to be fully operational by April 2006. But instead of waiting for additional manning and equipment to trickle in, unit leadership chose to get the operation off the ground by doing what it could with what it had.

“I’ve got all this equipment and these great guys, so although I can’t give 24/7 support, I can give 24/3 support,” said PAIS commander Lt. Col. John Boyle, recalling the thought process that set the DGS in motion.

“We could sit here and do nothing,” he said, “or we could do something to help the other four DGSs with the workload.”

After integrating with the four other DGSs around the globe in October, the operation began providing 24-hour support in three-day increments. It will operate seven days a week at the end of this year when additional personnel and equipment arrive.

The PAIS’s second milestone was the overhaul of its Pacific Intelligence Operations Center from one person with a computer to a \$1 million “data-sharing supermarket,” said Col. Mark Kipphut, PACAF director of intelligence.

Operations center staffers monitor intelligence throughout the 49 countries comprising the Pacific Command, providing daily updates to senior PACAF leadership. The center includes personnel from security forces and the Air Force Office of Special Investigations who work alongside intelligence personnel to support an antiterrorism/force protection initiative.

Before its facelift, the operations center was in a small room with peeling paint, poor lighting and 40-year-old carpet. The entire squadron came together to clean, paint, install communication lines, move equipment and work with contractors to create a workcenter that doubled in size and boasted a “one-stop shop for current intelligence,” said Colonel Boyle. The self-help initiative saved \$450,000.

“This is a great example of teamwork,” said Colonel Boyle. “This isn’t great leadership, it’s a great team.”

The PAIS triumphed over approximately 70 other intelligence squadrons – most of which have 125-250 members – throughout the Air Force for top honors.

“It’s a small squadron but they carry a lot of responsibility,” said Colonel Kipphut. “Pound for pound they’re very impressive.”

Child abuse – Prevention is key to stopping the pain

Lorraine Clark
Family Advocacy
Outreach Manager

How many children are abused and neglected in the United States?

Each week, child protective services agencies throughout the United States receive more than 50,000 reports of suspected child abuse or neglect. In 2002, 2.6 million reports concerning the welfare of approximately 4.5 million children were made.

In approximately two-thirds (67 percent) of these cases, the information provided in the report was sufficient to prompt an assessment or investigation. As a result of these investigations, approximately 896,000 children were found to have been victims of abuse or neglect—an average of more than 2,450 children per day.

More than half (60 percent) of victims experienced neglect, meaning a caretaker failed to provide for the child’s basic needs. Fewer victims experienced physical abuse (nearly 20 percent) or sexual abuse (10 percent), though these cases are typically more likely to be publicized. The smallest number (7 percent) were found to be victims of emotional abuse, which includes criticizing, rejecting, or refusing to nurture a child.

An average of nearly four children die every day as a result of child abuse or neglect (1,400 in 2002).

Who is more likely to be abused or neglected?

No group of children is immune. Boys and girls are about equally likely to be abused or neglected.

Children of all races and ethnicities experience child abuse. In 2002, one-half of all victims were White (54 percent), one-quarter were African American (26 percent), and one-tenth (11 percent) were Hispanic. American Indian or Alaska Native children accounted for 2 percent of victims, and Asian-Pacific Islanders accounted for 1 percent of victims.

Children of all ages experience abuse and neglect, but the youngest children are most vulnerable. Children younger than 1 year old accounted for 41 percent of all abuse-related

deaths reported in 2002; three-quarters (76 percent) of those killed were younger than 4.

Who reports child abuse and neglect?

In 2002, more than one-half (57 percent) of all reports made to CPS agencies came from professionals who came in contact with the child. Teachers (16 percent of all reports); legal, law enforcement, and criminal justice personnel (16 percent); social services workers (13 percent); and medical personnel (8 percent) were the most frequent sources of reports in 2002. Many people in these professions are required by law to report suspected abuse or neglect.

However, many reports (44 percent) came from nonprofessional sources, such as parents, other relatives, friends, and neighbors. Anonymous reports accounted for 10 percent of all reports in 2002. It is important for everyone to know the signs that may indicate maltreatment and how to report it. We all share a responsibility to help keep children safe as we take steps to prevent abuse from occurring in the first place.

What Does Family Advocacy Offer?

Family Advocacy has several programs to support and strengthen families. Parenting classes are offered (ADHD, grade school, teens) to help parents develop a variety of tools to assist in discipline and coaching their children toward independence. The New Parent Support Program provides in-home services for parents with children ages 0-3. Communication classes are offered to encourage positive interaction and strengthen the marital relationship. Stress and anger management classes are offered to provide tools to help deal with everyday stressors and normal strains of life. Family Advocacy also offers Family Advocacy Strength-Based Therapy (FAST) for families needing additional support to address potential maltreatment. Please call 449-0175 for more information or to register for classes.

Tamayo takes lead in PACAF Airmen

PACAF Airman of the Year
Staff Sgt. Scott V. Tamayo
Hickam AFB, Hawaii



Managed 16 construction contracts valued at \$60M, hand-selected to write \$30M SABER contract, and prepared 5 airfield pavement contracts at \$5.1M. Administered requirement survey for wing’s first-ever \$1.4B housing privatization, led team in \$641K Chapel Center renovation, awarded \$235K sports complex project, and led \$235K fire sprinkler project resulting in protection of 75 personnel and over \$1M of equipment. Airmen Leadership School John L. Levitow Award winner, earned his CCAF Degree in Contracts Management, and earned 21 credits toward his bachelor’s Degree. Awarded Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal for his work with the Big Brother, youth soccer, and homeless shelter programs. Hawaii Armed Services Soccer Champions Team Captain.

PACAF Noncommissioned Officer of the Year
Tech. Sgt. Michael E. Harris
Kadena Air Base, Japan



Awarded Bronze Star; led 93 convoys/1.9K vehicles/10K miles as convoy commander. First vehicle operator in AOR credited w/confirmed Killed in Action ...Aided USMC in capture of 8 combatants. Back home, implemented corrosion control program for 1.9K vehicles worth \$107M, saved 200 hours/\$500K replacement costs. Secured \$67K in funding by researching and arranging purchase of critical equipment/supplies for 31 OIF taskings. A Distinguished Graduate from NCOA. First platoon of AF personnel to successfully complete 4-week Basic Combat Convoy Course. Tutored 200+ children at local elementary school and energized 150 personnel as Flight Wingman POC, contributing to a DUI rate drop from 6 percent to zero and no off/on-duty incidents.

PACAF Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year
Master Sgt. Kevin L. Monkman
Andersen AFB, GUAM



Recognized for gifted leadership both on and off base. PACAF nominee for CINC’s Installation Excellence Special Recognition Award for 2004, Squadron Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award nominee, wing CMSgt Larry R. Daniels Award nominee, and contributor to 36 CES earning 2004 PACAF Outstanding Civil Engineer Squadron, Small Unit Category. Directed logistics/operational base support for three 120-day rotations for AEF bomber beddown. Well-rounded SNCO; in addition to completing both military and civilian education courses, hes authored two articles and emceed numerous events. Recipient of the “Guahan Award” and “Legislature Award”, Guam’s highest honors for base/community service.

PACAF First Sergeant of the Year
Senior Master Sgt. Robert L. Altenbernd
Andersen AFB, Guam



Recognized for his outstanding leadership while deployed to Balad, Iraq, for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Handpicked as lead 1Sgt for 332 AEW - 5,800 Airmen, 3 GSUs, and 10 forward operating bases. He led 32 ceremonies/formations w/80 troops each to honor fallen comrades in arms. Warrior Day founder; created plan and executed to lead way for 14-squadron competition. His educational achievements include academic achievement honors and Army and Navy PME enrollments. Chairman, Andersen AFB American Red Cross Volunteer committee, Secretary and Chartering Officer for local Boy Scout Pack, and involvement in local quality of life programs.

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Damage to private property

An active-duty Air Force member notified security forces about his privately owned vehicle being damaged. A report was filed.

Shoplifting numbers keep rising

A military family member was detained by Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$21.

Two military family members were detained by AAFES store detectives for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$8.

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A military family member was detained by AAFES store detectives for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$25.

A military family member was detained by AAFES store detectives for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$227.

Malicious mischief

A military family member notified security forces relating she observed a juvenile lighting a tennis ball on fire and throwing it under vehicles. The subject was charged and released.

Damage to private property

An active-duty Air Force member notified security forces about his privately owned vehicle being damaged. A report was filed. Estimated damage: \$300.

Animal neglect/Damage to Government property

A military family member notified security forces relating she observed possible animal neglect. Security forces members looked through an open window and noticed cat feces all over the house and the house was also in complete disarray. The subject’s commander was notified and responded.

Theft of private property

An active duty Air Force member notified security forces about her storage bin being broken into with several items missing. A report was filed. Estimated value: \$450.

Indecent acts/Criminal property damage

Two military family members were detained by AAFES store detectives for performing indecent acts in the clothing department of the main exchange.

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Hickam members get punished

By Airman 1st Class
Jennifer Kincaid
15th Airlift Wing Judge Advocate's office

While punishments imposed for similar offenses may appear to vary from case to case, each case is decided based on a number of factors and on its own specific facts.

Punishments vary, based on such factors as an offender's age, prior work and disciplinary record, financial condition, suitability for continued service and the level of severity of the particular offense committed.

To ensure fair administration of justice throughout the Hickam community, the legal office reviews all cases.

A colonel was charged with adultery in violation of Article 134, Uniform Code of Military Justice and conduct unbecoming of an officer in violation of

Article 133, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of forfeiture of \$1,500 pay per month for two months.

An airman first class was charged with dereliction of duty (underage drinking) in violation of Article 92, UCMJ and wrongful use of marijuana in violation of Article 112a, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of a reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for two months, restriction to Hickam for 30 days and a reprimand.**

An airman first class was charged with failure to go in violation of Article 86, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of a reduction to airman and a reprimand.

An airman first class was charged with simple assault in violation of Article 128, UCMJ and unlawful entry in violation of Article 134, UCMJ. Punishment

consisted of a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$692 pay per month for one month and 30 days extra duty.

An airman was charged with failure to go in violation of Article 86, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to airman basic and restriction to Hickam for 60 days.

An airman first class was charged with three counts of dereliction of duty in violation of Article 92, UCMJ and giving a false official statement in violation of Article 107, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to airman and a reprimand.

**Drug use is incompatible with military service. If you are caught using illegal drugs, unless you meet specific criterion, you will be involuntarily discharged from the military.

Scooters sold at Exchange recalled

CAMP FOSTER – The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with MGA Entertainment Inc. of Van Nuys, California voluntarily recalled Bratz Stylin’ Scooters.

Consumers should stop using the recalled product immediately.

This recall includes only Bratz Stylin’ Scooters manufactured for MGA Entertainment Inc. by Jurong Dumar Bicycle, Inc. of China.

The hazard is that the wheels of the scooter can break or become damaged, and users of the scooters can fall and suffer injuries.

MGA has received six reports of cracked wheels on the recalled scooters. All six

incidents resulted in cuts, scrapes, and bruises. In one case, a 9 year old suffered a broken arm.

The recalled scooter is a non-motorized two-wheeled unit with a folding hinge and an adjustable handlebar.

The scooter platform is purple with a bright pink Bratz logo on the top surface. Scooters containing information identifying the product as Item No. 266563, with a date of manufacture prior to July 2004, and manufactured

by Jurong Dumar Bicycle, Inc. are included in this recall.

This information can be located either in the area directly beneath the scooter platform or at the bottom of the scooter near the rear wheel.

AAFES sold it as a promotional item in November 2004 and received 1,774 units for the sale.

Consumers should stop using the scooter immediately and contact MGA

Entertainment Inc. for a refund or replacement scooter. Overseas customers may return to the store for a full refund.

Consumer Contact: Call toll-free at (800)222-4685 anytime or visit the company’s Web site at www.mgae.com to process requests.

For more questions locally call the Navy Exchange at 423-3274 or 423-3359. For the Hickam BX call 423-1304.



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QDR to address transformation of nuclear arsenal

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Today's U.S. nuclear arsenal is too outdated and costly to maintain for use in deterring threats in the post-Cold War era, a senior officer told a Senate subcommittee April 4. "It is our intent to have the upcoming Quadrennial Defense Review address nuclear issues and the associated infrastructure to determine transformation requirements for our nuclear capabilities in the 21st century," Marine Gen. James Cartwright explained to members of the Senate strategic forces subcommittee.

General Cartwright heads the U.S. Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., which oversees U.S. military global strategic planning, including nuclear deterrence.

In the aftermath of the Cold War, President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin pledged to substantially reduce nuclear stockpiles over the next 10 years upon their signing of the Moscow Treaty in May 2002. The U.S. is decommissioning its larger, multi-nuclear-warhead-carrying Peacekeeper intercontinental ballistic missiles as part of terms of the treaty.

However, nuclear weapons remain an important component of U.S. national security policy, "particularly for reassuring allies and friends of U.S. security commitments, dissuading arms competition, deterring hostile leaders who are willing to accept great risk and cost, and for holding at risk those targets that cannot be addressed by other means," General Cartwright said.

By 2012, America's nuclear stockpile "will be reduced by nearly one-half" since President Bush took office, Ambassador Linton Brooks told committee members. Ambassador Brooks, who accompanied General Cartwright to the hearing, is the administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration.

Ambassador Brooks cited a recent Nuclear Posture Review that says America's remaining nuclear weapons are rapidly aging, causing high maintenance and security costs. He said Cold War-era nukes were designed for maximum destructive power and therefore cause too much collateral damage for some envisioned future uses.

Older nuclear weapons systems do not have "new precision-guidance technologies from which our conventional systems have fully benefited," Ambassador Brooks said. Nor are older nuclear arms "geared for small-scale strikes or flexibility in command, control and delivery." (Story by Gerry J. Gilmore, American Forces Press Service)

Flight control deficiency causes Raptor damage

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFPN) – An accident investigation board determined a flight control system deficiency caused an F/A-22 Raptor aircraft mishap Sept. 28 near Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

The flight control system

allowed the aircraft to exceed set angles of attack and G-force limits. The resulting aircraft damage is estimated at more than \$3 million.

No fatalities, injuries or damage to private property resulted from the mishap, and the F/A-22 from the 411th Flight Test Squadron was able to land at Edwards.

The aircraft was flying a high-risk test mission with an F-16 Fighting Falcon. After encountering the F-16's jet wash, the Raptor experienced an unexpected and rapid pitch oscillation. The mission was to test air-to-air tracking scenarios to evaluate handling qualities with a configuration of two external fuel tanks.

The aircraft's load factor or G-force limits in this configuration were 7.33 and minus 0.5. During the test, the load factors ranged between 10.1 to minus 11.7.

The aircraft, one of the Air Force's first F/A-22s, is primarily a testing aircraft. (Courtesy of Air Force Materiel Command News Service)

OPM extend hiring preference to more veterans

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – U.S. Office of Personnel Management officials are working to make veterans' preference for federal jobs available to more veterans. One initiative is a new revised application that allows federal agencies to accept veterans' disability letters.

The revised application is being posted on OPM's Web site so agencies immediately can accept Veterans Affairs letters of disability, officials said. Agencies, OPM examining offices and agency appointing officials use the online application to evaluate claims for veterans' preference on applications for government jobs.

The new revisions to the veterans' preference form bring it in line with VA policy, which generally considers disability letters issued since 1991 as proof of a permanent disability.

To further encourage veterans into the federal system, OPM officials also are continuing the veterans' invitational program, visiting military bases and medical centers to explain veterans' preference and outline the procedures for applying for federal jobs. Upcoming visits are planned for Cherry Point, N.C.; Camp Lejeune, N.C.; Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.; Fort Sam Houston and Fort Bliss, Texas; and Fort Lee, Va., officials said.

The initiatives reflect OPM's "strong emphasis on the rights of veterans, including employment opportunities," said Dan G. Blair, OPM acting director.

"We must ensure those who are eligible for veterans' preference receive the benefits to which they are entitled," he said.

Today's law, reflected in Veterans' Preference Code of 1944, as amended, and in Title 5 of the U.S. Code, ensures that veterans who are disabled or served on active duty in the military during certain specified time frames or campaigns receive preference in hiring from competitive lists of eligible applicants. It also gives these veterans preference in keeping their jobs during reductions-in-force processes, officials said.

More details about veterans' preference are posted online at www.opm.gov/veter



Photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr

Having a blast

KIRKUK, Iraq – Senior Airman James Fitzgerald laces C4 explosives to a rocket motor, preparing it for disposal. He is an explosive ordnance disposal Airman assigned to the 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron at nearby Kirkuk Air Base.

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Avoid false alarms by knowing notification procedures

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. (AFPN) – A recent phone message had a family convinced they received the news that all loved ones of a deployed servicemember dread — their loved one was either hurt or killed in action. Fortunately, the phone call was a scam.

Unfortunately, the wife experienced several hours of unnecessary stress and worry before she found out her husband was OK.

The distress came after her father-in-law received a message at work that said, "The Army called and had an urgent message for him."

Frantic for news, she called her husband's commander, and he said he knew right away something was not right.

"I knew this (call) might have been nothing, but it's enough to raise questions, especially when loved ones are so far away and doing hazardous work," said Maj. Max Dubroff, 72nd Security Forces Squadron. "This also might have been a rude prank, similar to what happened to many Marine families at the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom. But it definitely was not a legitimate action that the Department of Defense would take."

Major Dubroff said several things tipped him off, the most obvious being the telephone call itself.

"The casualty notification system requires in-person notification by a uniformed officer as soon as possible in any case of a member missing, casualty or death," he said.

The second problem, he said, was the "Army" reference.

"Only an officer from the same service as the deployed member would notify next of kin," Major Dubroff said.

Fortunately, the deployed Airman made a morale call to

these kinds of things distressing our (families)," Major Dubroff said. "While you can't control scam artists and pranksters, you can arm your family with information that may help them in situations like this." (Story by Lee Ann Mohajerin, 72nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs)

Living wills: a matter of life or death

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas (AFPN) – The Terri Schiavo saga has both captured and divided the nation as moral and legal questions have been raised over the right to live or die. While many people remain at odds over the underlying issues, most agree on one topic – the importance of living wills.

"We've had a huge increase over the past couple of months because of the Schiavo case," said Burton Brasher, chief of client services in the Fort Sam Houston legal assistance office.

A living will is a legal document that expresses a person's personal health-care wishes in the event he or she is unable to make decisions, Mr. Brasher said.

"If you're incapacitated, a living will provides the doctor with guidance for your continued treatment," he said.

This guidance includes decisions related to extraordinary measures to sustain life, a goal doctors aim for in the absence of a living will.

"Doctors are trained to do everything they can to preserve life," Mr. Brasher said. "But not all people want to

live like that, whether (for) religious beliefs, personal convictions or financial reasons."

Living wills are particularly important for people heading into risky situations, such as combat or medical procedures.

"It helps remove uncertainty," Mr. Brasher said. "We have a lot of doctors sending patients over here before surgeries. They recognize the importance of the document. The more a doctor knows, the better he can do his job."

To avoid potential problems is to update living wills every two to three years so there is recent proof and fewer "questions raised about whether you still feel the same way as you did when you signed the document," Mr. Brasher said.

People also should talk to their health-care providers, particularly when undergoing a medical procedure.

"Find out the consequences of the procedure beforehand," Mr. Brasher said. "That way, you can include specific requests in your living will. For instance, if you don't want a feeding tube, you can say so in the directive."

Such a directive can be the difference between a private decision and a national debate.

Any military legal assistance office can prepare living wills free of charge to active-duty servicemembers, family members, retirees and reservists on active duty for 30 or more days. (Story by Elaine Wilson, Public Information Office)

Support for wounded warriors reaches across America

By Master Sgt. Kimberly Spencer
59th Medical Wing
Public Affairs

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – Americans watching news coverage of the war in Iraq are asking, “How can I show my support for our brave servicemembers?”

To show their support, many have donated phone cards, frequent flier miles or sent letters and messages.

A group of San Antonio area quilters are doing their part to support wounded veterans. Stitched with love and gratitude, their lap quilts are just big enough to cover the legs of those in wheelchairs or on stretchers.

Military retiree Larry Cromer and his wife Dee, own a quilt shop in Lytle, Texas. They said it was the perfect answer.

“It really hit home,” Mrs. Cromer said. “Here is something we can do. We need to appreciate the members of the armed forces that are overseas fighting for us, and if they're injured, we can try to make life a little better for them by sending love stitched in each quilt.”

The quilters' efforts began after learning of a similar project by a Maryland quilters guild.

The project soon grew to more than 30 people. Known as the “Lytle Stitchers,” most of the participants have ties to the military.

As word spread, other local guilds joined the cause.

Mr. Cromer shared their story in a quilters' Internet chat room and asked other quilters to send blocks of fabric with patriotic themes and colors. The request netted blocks of fabric from all over America. Norma Koth, a Pennsylvania quilter in her 70s, has sent 15 hand-stitched quilts so far, and a North Carolina fabric company donated 2,300

yards of patriotic material.

Local children also participated. Small handprints become angels or hearts, while little footprints share space with the words “Stand for Freedom,” while others draw pictures or write poems.

Each red, white and blue quilt is sewn with a label which reads, “To: An American Hero, From: The Lytle Stitchers.”

“In a small community, you do for each other,” Mrs. Cromer said. “It's wonderful how this project has spilled out to the world. These (servicemembers) come from every state imaginable, and we want them all to

In a small community, you do for each other.”

Mrs. Cromer
San Antonio quilter

know we thank them and appreciate them.”

The Cromers are working with Maryland Jones, Wilford Hall volunteer services director, to send quilts directly to a field hospital at Balad Air Base, Iraq.

"It's wonderful how this project has brought our community closer together," Ms. Jones said. “It has touched the hearts of so many and just keeps growing."

The Lytle Stitchers also have sent quilts to Scott AFB, Ill., Wilford Hall and Brooke Army and Medical Center in San Antonio.

A quilt means so many things,” said Lytle Stitcher Kitty Janiga. “Warmth, cheer and caring, as well as something for the (servicemembers) to wrap themselves in. They're perfect; what's better than a quilt?”

Sheppard girl donates hair for second time

by John Ingle
82nd Training Wing Public Affairs

SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – A 7-year-old girl sat in a salon chair at the beauty shop here March 29 waiting for the snip, snip of the beautician's scissors.

With her hair separated into three distinct rows, similar to those before braiding, Adriana Breuer felt the gentle tug of the silver cutting utensils as the first of three 11-inch strips of hair was removed. The hair was destined for Locks of Love, an organization that turns it into wigs at no charge for financially disadvantaged patients who suffer from long-term hair loss.

For Adriana, her donation was simply to help her cousin Jarrett, a recent cancer success story.

"I thought it was cool," she said of having her hair cut to help others.

Adriana's mother, Master Sgt. Lisa Breuer of the 82nd Training Wing's



Photo by John Ingle

Adriana Breuer examines the 11-inch locks she had cut off.

are not surprised by their daughter's willingness to give of herself to help another.

"She's got a really good heart," her mother said. "She's a kind and thoughtful girl."

The 2nd-grader said she knows all about the importance of Locks of Love. She donated her first 10-inch strand of hair at 3 years old, when her cousin was first diagnosed with his form of cancer.

faculty development office, said she and her husband, Master Sgt. Rodney Breuer, the aircrew life support superintendent at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.,

Adriana, with the help of her mother, decided to donate hair to the organization so that Jarrett could have a hairpiece to wear after treatments resulted in the loss of his hair.

"Some people donate time, and some people donate money," Sergeant Breuer said. "She donates her hair."

Adriana said she doesn't mind having short hair. The evidence is in the clippings. She walked into the salon with long brunette hair that almost touched her waist. She left with hair that barely touched her shoulders.

"For boys, it's not a real big deal to lose their hair," Sergeant Breuer said. "But for girls, they tend to lose their sense of self."

Although Adriana has not reached the age where her hairstyle is a big issue, Sergeant Breuer said at some point it will be.

For now, the elementary school student said she plans to continue her quest to help out those who need hairpieces.

MFH refuse and recycling schedule

Household trash

Household trash is picked up weekly at curbside or in designated service areas depending upon the MFH location. All garbage should be secured in bags and container lids should be closed to prevent litter. Trash receptacles should be brought to the collection point no earlier than 8 p.m. the evening before pick up.

Bulky items

Bulky items are collect-

ed on the same day and at the same location as household trash. Bulky items include furniture, mattresses, large appliances and other bulky or heavy items. Items should be brought to the collection point no earlier than 8 p.m. the evening before pick up.

Green waste

Green waste is normally collected twice a week from designated dumpster locations throughout each neighborhood. These

labeled dumpsters are only for grass clippings, shrub clippings, leaves and branches; larger branches should be cut into smaller pieces and placed completely inside the dumpsters. Do not discard paper or plastic bags, trash, garbage or any other refuse in the “GREEN WASTE ONLY” dumpsters.

Recyclables

Recyclables are picked up on the same day as trash. Aluminum cans,

glass bottles and jars, plastic containers (#1 and 2) and paper (white, news, magazine) should preferably be placed in separate containers to facilitate the collection process. Do not place any trash in the recycling containers. All items left for pick up should be empty and rinsed. Recyclables should be brought to the collection point no earlier than 8 p.m. the evening before pick up.

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selection of fast, free and trusted information databases. The Hickam Library along with Thomson Gale, a leading information publisher, wants to help create awareness of the electronic resources available online at the base library, or through remote access. Although just entering search terms online can work in some cases, there may be a better way to get quality information. There is a huge difference when conducting a search on the open Internet versus conducting a search on an authoritative database with verified information. Users can expect accurate and relevant results from these databases, which is important when seeking homework help or information to help make life-changing decisions.

Scholarships – The Society of American Military Engineers Honolulu Post is offering two \$2,500 scholarships. Applications and additional information are available on the SAME Web site at <http://posts.same.org/honolulu/>. For more information, call LCDR Dustin Hamacher at 843-3871.

Supervisor briefing – A supervisor's benefits briefing is scheduled for Thursday, May 12 and June 9 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the wing conference room. Each class is limited to 30 attendees. For more information or to reserve a seat, contact Master Sgt. Glenn Taijeron at 448-2584 or 2583.

PACAF Banquet – Tickets for the 2005 Pacific Air Forces Outstanding Airmen of the Year Banquet are now on sale. This banquet honors PACAF's finest Airman, noncommissioned officer, senior NCO and first sergeant. The banquet is April 15 at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. Tickets are \$33 for club members and

\$35 for non-club members. Individuals should contact their first sergeants to sign up.

Spouses' Club function – The Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club April function will take place on the officers club Lanai April 19. The social begins at 6:30 p.m., Mexican buffet begins at 6:45 p.m. and bingo beings at 7 p.m. Cost for this function is \$6.45. Members bringing three cans of food for donation to the Hawaii Foodbank will receive an extra bingo card and a grand-prize ticket. Only HOSC members in good standing are eligible to participate in this membership appreciation function. For reservations, call Jolande Murray (A-L) at 423-7097 or Jeannette Ramirez (M-Z) at 422-7444. Reservations must be made by noon April 15. Permanent reservations apply. For more information, see the April Ka Leo.

Books needed – Hickam Friends of the Library is seeking donations of quality used fiction and non-fiction books for re-sale helping to fund Hickam Library programs. They are also seeking donations of quality used bookshelves. Donations can be dropped off next to Building 1711 right behind the Airman's Attic. Arrangements can be made for a representative to pack and pick up donated bookshelves. For more information or to join the electronic mailing list, call Todd Parish at 422-3927 or e-mail hickamfriends@hotmail.com.

Creative writing contest – The Hickam Library presents the Friends of the Library creative writing contest with categories of poetry and prose. Participants can submit their entries at the Hickam Library through Friday. There are three age categories: children to age 11, ages 12-18 and age 19

and over. Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony April 16 at 1 pm. For more information, call the library at 449-7164. To join the Hickam Friends of the Library electronic mailing list e-mail hickamfriends@hotmail.com.

Change of command – Navy Captain Barbara Bowyer will be relieved as commander, Joint Intelligence Center Pacific by Colonel Dash Jamieson in a change of command ceremony at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Bordelon Field, Camp Smith.

Masters degree – The University of Oklahoma offers a masters degree in managerial economics and a master's in public administration. The university's non-thesis programs can be completed in about 18 months and its one-week classes are TDY-friendly. Contact OU at 449-6364 or aphickam@ou.edu for more information or visit the OU Web site at www.goou.ou.edu.

56 Council meeting – The next 56 Council meeting is Thursday at 11:30 a.m. on the JR Rockers lanai. Members are encouraged to bring a peer and non-members are invited to attend, have lunch and get involved.

Tax Center appointments out – The tax center has run out of appointments; walk-ins will be seen only 8 to 9:30 a.m. for simple tax returns. The center will be unable to see members with more complicated tax returns. For more information or a list of other free income tax preparation services, call the tax center at 448-0712.

CPR and first aid classes – An American Red Cross CPR and first aid instructor course is scheduled for April 23 and 24. For more information, call 449-0166.



Photo by Angela Elbern

Promotion

Chief Master Sgt. James LeVack, 15th Airlift Wing command chief, administered the NCO Creed to some of Hickam's newly promoted sergeants (standing) during the monthly promotion celebration April 1 at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club.

AF Times Airman of Year
Honoring exceptional military member

SPRINGFIELD, Va. – The Military Times Service Members of the Year award program is being extended. Airmen now have until Thursday to nominate the Air Force Times Airman of the Year. The nomination process is underway and members can help honor the service person who best embodies the finest qualities of the men and women serving in today's U.S. Air Force.

This recognition program will award and honor one person as the Air Force Times Airman of the Year. Senator Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii will host and pay tribute to the Airman at the fifth annual ceremony July 13.

The Air Force Times Airman of the Year award is designed to recognize a special Airman who has shown unusual or heretofore unrecognized honor, valor and dedication to fellow Airmen and the community during 2004. Air Force Times, along with presenting sponsor, TriWest Healthcare Alliance, and associate sponsor, GNC, along with National Defense University Foundation, National Military Family Association, USO, and Fisher House will honor this “everyday hero” of the U.S. Air Force at a ceremony on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

Maybe this Airman is someone who jumped in to help out in a desperate situation

or someone who has helped out in an important cause. The Airman should be someone who is always ready to lend a hand, who sees what needs to be done and unselfishly does it, or a person who inspires and motivates others to be better people.

- Nominations must include:
- The nominator's name, address, commercial phone and e-mail address.
 - The nominee's name, address and commercial phone number.
 - The nominee's current unit commander's name, address and commercial phone number.
 - In 300 words or less, the nominator needs to describe why he feels his nominee deserves this award.
 - Names and contact information of three people who can verify the achievements of the nominee.
 - Nominees must be on active duty, Guard or Reserve through August 31.
- Nominations may be submitted via:
- Online: www.airforcetimes.com/airman
E-mail: airman@airforcetimes.com
Mail: Air Force Times Airman of the Year Award, 6883 Commercial Drive, Springfield, VA 22159
Fax: Air Force Times Airman of the Year Award - 703-642-7325 (*Information courtesy of Air Force Times*)